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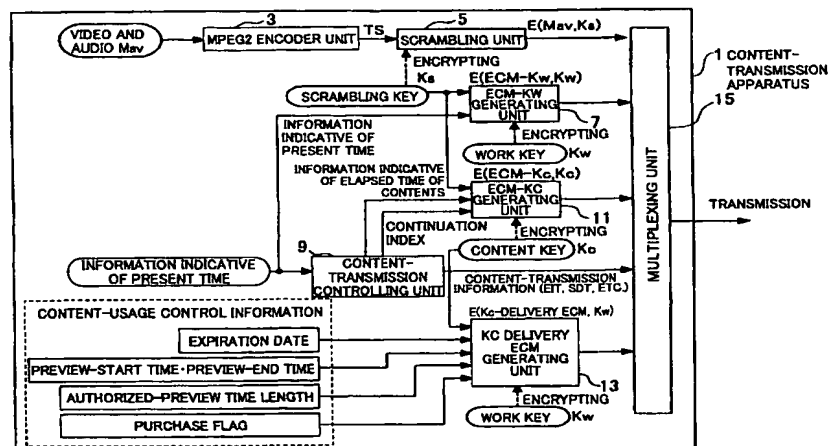
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(57) **Abstract:** A method of transmitting contents, which are to be received at a reception side where a portion of the contents is previewed while the contents are not accessible for playing other than for a preview purpose, includes the steps of encrypting the contents by a first encryption key, generating information indicative of an elapsed time of the contents that indicates a relationship between positions on a time axis of the contents representing an amount of time that passes as the contents are played and a time count that accrues as a preview time when the contents are previewed, encrypting the first encryption key and the information indicative of an elapsed time of the contents by a second encryption key, thereby generating first encrypted information, encrypting the second encryption key and content-usage control information by a third encryption key, thereby generating second encrypted information, the content-usage control information indicating usage of the contents on the reception side, and transmitting the encrypted contents, the first encrypted information, and the second encrypted information to the reception side.

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